

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017,
Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Jim Stephancin, Roger Mezak, Carol Draybak,

Guests: Bill Skomrock, Martin Stephancin

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m., minutes of October meeting read and approved.

Board Positions:

Per Roger, Les is resigning as chairman effective at end of the year, will need to appoint new chair. State of Ohio feels it is a conflict of interest with Les being on the board and having a lease agreement on Oberland Park.

Roger passed around a get well card for Ken Blair.

Oberland Park.

-need to get volleyball net down for winter

Conservation Easement:

No updates on easement as both Glen and Les not in attendance, it is on hold until trustees make a commitment. Board still wants to see an example of what an easement looks like before trying to compose one. Motion made to have trustees request one from Bret Rodstrom of Western Reserve Land Conservancy, so we know what questions to ask.

-it's too late to paint the pavilion this year; water tank for pressure washing is cleaned and ready to go.

Entrance rock was sealed with same epoxy used on counter tops, only took a gallon, and absorbs quick.

Veterans Park

-100 lbs. of seed was spread, grass already coming up.

-Wayne has one load of chips to spread around the trees.

-every tree was fertilized by Impullitti tree.

Jim was talking to Wayne about getting a mower with a bagger to cut veterans park using funds left from this year. Bill not sure what is left in the park fund. Mower Costs about \$1800 from state purchasing which is about half off regular price. Wayne made motion to have trustees purchase a 30" 2 blade walk behind mower from state purchasing, carol seconded, and motion passed.

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200th Anniversary

Doug will take down the banners as soon as weather allows and will be distributed to those who purchased them.

Judy will have geocache removed before the end of the year.

-Not sure where the cake is right now last place seen was by Zeppes, Carol thought Russell may want it as their bicentennial is next year.

-Roger sent out thank yous to the football kids who helped with parking.

Projects for next year

- Bill thought we should have the same budget next year.
- need to start working on bathroom alternatives, Roger looking into options other than Romtec which is very expensive, possibly something like The Rookery in Geauga Park District.
- Check out website park and restroom structures.com to see different designs
- need to have handicap accessible on flat ground with wide door and hand rails, unisex recommended.
- should have a well so have non-potable water available
- need picnic tables and benches for Veterans Park
- Events to hold or repeat next year: car show, picnic, school house lecture which was cancelled

Other

-question was raised if we are having a Christmas tree in the pavilion, someone mentioned at a trustee meeting they would donate one.

Next regular meeting No meeting in December due to the holidays

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary